



Bulletin #2008-018 13 – November - 2008

Subject:
Clarifications and Corrections to SP Class Rules

Overview:

When Bulletin 2008-010 goes into effect on January 1, 2009, the following clarifications and corrections to that Bulletin also go into effect:

1. Replace Article 10.2.C.3 with the following:
 - d. Super Production vehicles may be updated or backdated within a body style of the model
 - i. In this context, “updating” refers to the entire vehicle and allows a replacement body shell with a VIN year different from the entered vehicle. A year and model is declared on the rally entry form and the car’s equipment and appearance must match (except for specific modifications listed in the rules) the declared model on the event entry form.
For example, a 2007 Subaru Impreza STI may be re-shelled with a 2004 2.5 RS bare body shell. The resulting SP Class vehicle must match the entered model year and all equipment (other than allowed modifications) must match the declared year.
 - ii. Unless specifically listed as a permitted modification, updating or backdating individual components of the declared model is not allowed.
For example, it is not allowed to use a 2.5L WRX engine in a vehicle that is declared as a 2003 WRX.
2. Replace Article 10.2.C.12.b with the following:
 - b. In Super Production vehicles, electronic control of the engine is unrestricted, except replacement of the electronic “drive-by-wire” throttle with a mechanical throttle is not permitted.
3. Add the following subsections to Article 10.2.C.21.b:
 - iii. Alternate pedal boxes and brake bias control are permitted.
 - iv. As a consequence of installing an alternate pedal box, an alternate clutch pedal, and clutch master cylinder or clutch cable, may also be installed provided the basic method of operation remains unchanged. Example, hydraulic clutch operation must remain hydraulic.

- v. As a consequence of installing an alternate pedal box, an alternate accelerator pedal, and accelerator cable or electronic throttle switch may also be installed provided the basic method of operation remains unchanged. Example, electronic throttle operation must remain electronic.
- 4. Replace Article 10.2.C.22.b with the following:
 - b. In Super Production, a Model Year 2002-2009 Subaru Impreza WRX may use a stock six-speed transmission, center differential, and final drives from a US specification Model Year 2004-2009 Subaru Impreza STI.
- 5. Add the following paragraph to Article 10.2.C.23:
 - a. The specified minimum flywheel weight (including the starter ring) is 8250 grams for any Super Production class Subaru vehicle equipped with a manual transmission.
- 6. Replace Article 10.2.C.26.p with the following:
 - p. The rear seat, headliner, and trim pieces from the "B" pillar rearward may be removed. All door panels may be modified for clearance of the roll cage. All OEM door panels shall be retained except where relocation of door levers and switches are required due to the installation of homologated roll cages on 2008 and newer model year vehicles. In these instances, minimal modification to the door structure (to the degree required to remount the levers and switches) is permitted and alternate interior door panels must be used to provide protection from metal edges.

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